

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week aims to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its

impact on patients with rare diseases; and

WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week recognizes the contributions of plasma donors whose donations save

lives; and

WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week promotes a deeper understanding about life-saving plasma protein

therapies, and the conditions they treat; and

WHEREAS: Plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist; and

WHEREAS: Plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions, including hemophilia and other

bleeding disorders, primary immune deficiencies, alpha-l antitrypsin deficiency, hereditary angioedema, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, idiopathic thrombocytopenic

purpura, and Rh negative pregnancies; and

WHEREAS: These therapies substantially increase quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient

outcomes for an estimated 1,600 individuals a year in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Every year, approximately 8,900 pregnant women in Minnesota receive a plasma protein therapy

to protect both mothers and babies from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS: There are seventeen plasma donation centers in Minnesota certified under the International

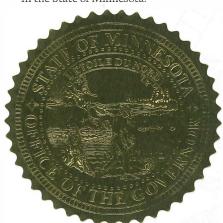
Quality Plasma Program, where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to

 $manufacture\ high-impact,\ life-saving\ the rapies.$

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7-13, 2018, as:

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this $20^{\rm th}$ day of September.



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SECRETARY OF STATE